

Summary of The 2012 Annual meeting of the Missouri Valley branch of the American Society of Microbiology was held on April 13 and 14, 2012 in Manhattan, KS at Kansas State University.

Highlights of the Meeting

- An invited oral presentation by Jerry Jaax, Kansas State University about the Reston Ebola virus outbreak on Thursday night
- An invited keynote presentation by Tony Schwan, Rocky Mountain Labs about transmission of spirochetes by ticks at the Friday night dinner.
- 40 oral presentations by students
- 10 students were recognized for outstanding presentations

Medical Microbiology and Immunology:

First Place: Chen Peng from Kansas State University,
Second Place: Theresa Barke from Kansas State University

Molecular and Cellular Biology:

First Place Brintha Chandrasekar,
Second Place Brandon Luedtke from Oklahoma State University,
Second Place Ranjni Chand from Kansas State University

Environmental:

Madhu Prabhakaran from Oklahoma State University

General Microbiology:

Shalaka Lotlikar from Oklahoma State University

Undergraduate:

First Place Troy Hubbard from Creighton University
Second Place Jeff Bryant from Kansas State University
Second Place Timothy Eberl from Wichita State University



Some of the 2012 Missouri Valley ASM branch meeting Outstanding Presentators

Business

- 2013 Meeting will be in Tulsa, Oklahoma
- All officers were continuing in their present positions: Shaffer, President; Champlin, President-elect; Rowen: Secretary/Treasurer and Blewett, Councilor.